

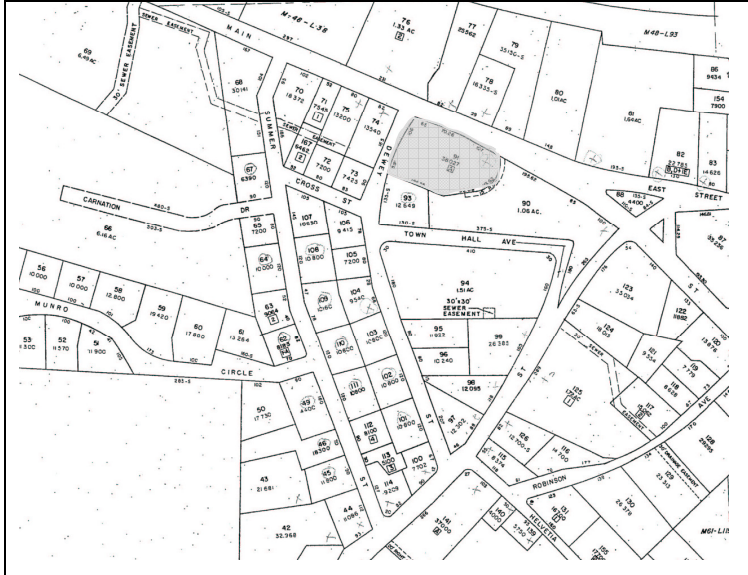
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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TEW 05

Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)
Tewksbury Center

Address: 995 Main Street

Historic Name: Brown Tavern

Uses: Present: TD Bank

Original: Tavern

Date of Construction: c1740

Source: Assessors & MACRIS

Style/Form: Colonial & Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite & Concrete

Wall/Trim: Wood Clapboards

Roof: Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Converted to bank with Colonial Revival Details (1970s)

Porch Added (2nd Half 20th Century)

Condition: Good

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: .87 Acres

Setting: Located in a commercial area on a major travel corridor near the village center.

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The Federal Era dwelling at 995 Main Street has been renovated for use as a bank in the late 20th century but it retains its historic form and character defining details including the two story main form with a hip roof, the wraparound porch, and a pair of brick chimneys flanking each side of the clerestory in the center of the hip roof form. The five by five bay plan has been altered by the addition of a covered drive-thru on the west side to accommodate the new 20th century use. The walls of the building are clad in wood clapboards. A dormer projects from the hip roof on the south elevation. The dormer features a pair of 8/8 sash windows under a pediment. The roof forms are sheathed in asphalt shingles. The wraparound porch features details typical of the Colonial Revival era: the pediment over the south and east entry stairs, the decorative frieze, the balustrade with turned balusters and paired chimneys.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The dwelling is locally known as the Brown Tavern and believed to have been constructed c1740. Additional deed research would be necessary to verify the date of construction. The house is similar in form and detail to the Zacariah Hardy Homestead built c1740 (TEW. XXX) and the Reverend Jacob Coggin House built c1806 (TEW. 02).

The Brown family probably associated with this dwelling includes Jonathan Brown (1735-1822), his son Abiel Brown (1776-1856), and Abiel Brown Jr (1807-1888). Jonathan Brown was the company commander of Tewksbury Company No.1 that responded to the Lexington Alarm. On the same evening as Paul Revere's famous ride, a second unknown rider set out from Charlestown north through the towns of Medford, Woburn, Winchester and Wilmington spreading the alarm of the British Army's plan to march to Concord to the significant military and political leaders in each town. The local militia then assembled and marched 20 miles southwest, arriving at Meriam's Corner in Lexington later that day on April 19th 1775. He was a local selectman in 1771-2, 1774, and 1778. He also served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1774, 1775, and 1780. His son and grandson were farmers.

In 1849 Abiel Brown Jr sold the dwelling house and land at the corner of Main Street (Lowell Road) and Pleasant Street (Billerica Road) to Tobias Lear Porter Lamson. Lamson was a clerk and accountant who removed to Lowell c1855. Lamson sold the dwelling house and land in 1854 to Nathaniel P Cole and Joel Foster.

Joel Foster, the brother of Enoch Foster, lived at 48 Pleasant Street (TEW.39). Joel and Enoch were furniture manufacturers. The brothers entered the furniture business with Nathan P Cole under the name JE Foster & Co. in 1851. The company name was later changed to Foster & Cole. The brothers also maintained a business interest in California. Joel, his wife Sarah, and their children lived in San Francisco in the 1870s. By 1880 the Joel Foster family was living in Methuen, MA. Enoch Foster built his house c1880 close to the corner of Main and Pleasant Streets on the site of the present day Town Hall.

The house was owned by Enoch Foster in the late 19th century but was occupied by others. The resident of the Brown Tavern according to the historic map in 1875 is H Warner. Henry Warner is listed in the 1870 census living in Tewksbury with his wife and working as a bank clerk. In 1889 the residents were H Palmer & A Frost.

Additional owners include: Mrs. Elizabeth Larrabee (c1974); Andover Savings Bank (1976); TD Bank (2010).

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